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MORE CUP SHOCKS

Exit Croatia, Preston, JUST

THE Dockerty Cup round played last Sunday once again lived up to its reputation for providing giant-killing feats, with the result that only one NSL club, South Melbourne,is left to withstand the challenge of three State league clubs in this Sunday's semi-finals.

On a day when the weather changed as dramatically as the form, South Melbourne cantered to another easy 5-0 victory, this time over First Division club Knox City in broiling sunshine.

But highly-fancied Melbourne Croatia toiled in the fierce rain-storm that signalled the start of its game against Altona Gate and it never managed to pose a serious threat to its State League opponent.

Altona Gate went two goals up in the first half and although Croatia's stalwart defender George Hannah pulled one back late in the game, Gate was never troubled and indeed missed two easy chances toincrease its lead.

At the Olympic Village in Heidelberg, the form team of the moment, Morwell Falcons had no difficulty in disposing of Melbourne JUST, recently relegated from the NSL.

Falcons were always in command and scored twice through Ron Manley in the last

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IS THE STATE LEAGUE CUP NECESSARY?

SNIPPETS

by LES SHORROCK

HAS the State League Cup outlived its usefulness? If last Wednesday night was any guide, it certainly has.

Only 700 spectators (and one photographer) turned out on what was admmittedly a bitterly cold night.

That tiny crowd, incidentally, did not include any State League presidents, as far as I could see, apart from those from the four clubs involved.

The two games were exciting enough, but those of us presidents, as far as I could see, apart from those from the four clubs involved.

The two games were exciting enough, but those of us present, I'm sure, could be forgiven for praying that the games didn't go into extra time, given the lateness of the hour.

Charlie Egan's late penalty settled our fears in the first game, and took the State league Cup away from Croydon.

Then Morwell Falcons set the seal on a highly successful season by beating a gallant St Albans in the big one.

Overall, Falcons deserved their win but an o.g. is a curel way to lose.

That man Og who must be the world's highest goalscorer of all time has a lot to answer for, hasn't he . . . remember he was the one who beat Falcons in their first play-off match against Adelaide Hellas.

I was always under the impression that some police presence was obligatory at State level, but apparently the State League Cup-Final wasn't considered an important enough match for even a solitary copper to be engaged so the yobbos from St Albans had a great time in the Southern stand.

They threw their smoke bombs and their sparklers and chanted their boring, repetitious obscene chants under the baleful eye of one Olympic Park employee.

That wasn't enough though.

The match not having gone their way they nevertheless managed to wreck the presentation as well, booing and catcalling throughout and then jostling the Falcons players who wanted to savour the moment and have the customary happiness group picture with the Cup they had earned.

Don't blame the yobbos though, blame the VSF for continuing to make presentations out on the running track with virtually no security.

As I have written time and time again, there are better ways of doing it, but they don't seem to care.

The lesson was there for all to absorb when South Melbourne beat Preston Makedonia in the Buffalo Cup-final, but nobody seems to want to heed it.

If the same protagonists are present in the 1990 night Cup-final the same episodes will occur again. . . are the VSF and OPMC waiting for someone to be seriously injured before they act?

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DOCKERTY CUP RESULTS FOOD FOR THOUGHT

What conclusions can be drawn from the remarkable Dockerty Cup results we have witnessed over the last two weeks?

Never, since the inception of the NSL, have we seen the State league provide three of the four semi-finalists in Victoria's most prestigious competition.

But this year we have seen George Cross, Preston and Melbourne Croatia of the present NSL clubs eliminated by State League teams, in addition to the early demise of the two relegated clubs, JUST and Heidelberg.

Even though the last two have surrendered their NSL status, it was reasonable to suppose that they would have retained enough form from that competition to have been able to cope adequately with Knox City and Morwell Falcons respectively.

Last season, if you remember, the Dockerty Cup was wrecked by the selfishness of the local NSL clubs who insisted on playing the main round a long time after the State League season had finished.

This year, the competition has been much fairer towards the State leaguers. Altona Gate, Morwell Falcons and Brunswick Juventus are still match fit and obviously have their tails up.

But what can be said for the three beaten NSL clubs?

They have been in training for several weeks and must have looked on the three Cup rounds coming up as ideal match practice for the competition that starts in earnest in only two weeks' time.

So what went wrong?

Altona Gate's two NSL victims, George Cross and Melbourne Croatia must have looked at 'Gate's State league record and decided they had nothing to fear.

After all, Altona Gate in its first season in the State League did very well for a debutant, probably exceeding its own expectations, but it still finished a lowly seventh after being up among the early leaders.

In the second half of the season it picked up only 14 points from 15 games, hardly the sort of form that would cause any NSL coach to lose even a single night's sleep.

Of the two losers it has to be said that George Cross' loss was the more significant.

Altona Gate had the odds against it in the Third Round, having to play away from home on that atrocious Chaplin Reserve pitch that didn't suit its ball-playing style).

Come to think of it, could that pitch suit anybody's style?

That loss tells you more about George Cross and the problems facing Ernie Merrick than it does about Altona Gate.

You have to draw the inescapable conclusion that George Cross is looking a certainty for relegation at the moment.

Altona Gate's game against Melbourne Croatia last Sunday was an entirely different matter.

Melbourne Croatia had finished off the NSL season in some style and we had all been thrilled with its two Final Five semi-finals.

On paper it looked too tough a nut for Altona Gate to crack, after all it had been the form team of all the Melbourne NSL six and the tie should have been a mere formality.

It didn't field a weak team either.

Granted, Josip Biskic and the effervescent Zeljko Adzic didn't play, but stalwart George Hannah was back having missed the fiqals and he is at least half the defence.

In the coming NSL season Croatia will at times be forced to field the same team and will win games with it, so let's not hear any excuses in tha t vein.

But the odds were more evenly balanced last Sunday, by reason of the venue. Altona Gate is a team of ball-players from defence right up to attack, at times exasperatingly so and sometimes in the hurly-burly of the bottom reaches of last season's State League they looked ill-matched.

Playing against another ball-playing side and on a surface that suited them, 'Gate's players were much more at home and watching the game I wasn't at all surprised at the result.

They play there again this Sunday and you'll need to be early because their clash with Morwell Falcons could be a cracker.

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CAN FALCONS KEEP GOING?

All of which brings me to Altona's opponents on Sunday, Morwell Falcons.

Falcons are on a roll and the adrenalin must really be pumping.

They rounded off the State League in style with a sequence of 18 games without defeat, then lost twice to Adelaide Hellas in their worst display of the year, but bounced back in rare style to win the League Cup.

And luck was on their side too when they drew a bye in the Third main round.

Poor old Melbourne JUST really didn't have a chance, even though Falcons left it late enough to score the goals.

That win made it a sequence of 23 games with only two losses.

As dear old Bill Shankley used to say when asked about Liverpool's heavy work-load one season, "you never get tired of winning" and that's the way the Morwell boys are feeling at the moment.

Coach Bob McLachlan knows all about how it feels to lift the Dockerty Cup high, he did it twice with Green Gully, of course this is harder, but who's to say Falcons can't do the triple?

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NELSON'S COLUMN

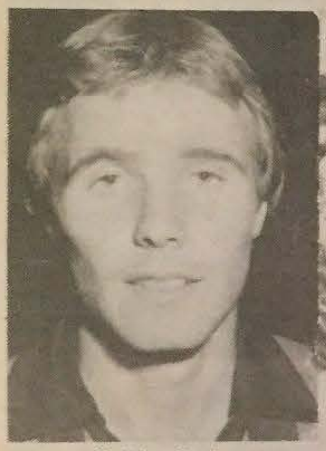
I was sitting in my car, enjoying my lunch and the view at Oliver's Hill, Frankston, on Friday when I realised that I had not brought you the final "Bayside League" table as I promised I would.

So here it is:

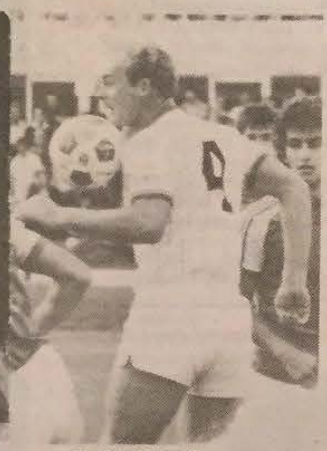
1. Frankston United	20	16	2	2	81	21	34
2. Rosebud	19	14	1	4	51	19	29
3. Ballam Park	19	13	1	5	40	29	27
4. Beaumaris	20	11	1	8	78	43	23
5. Peninsula Sports	20	10	2	8	52	44	22
6. Lawton Park	20	10	1	9	39	43	21
7. Navy	19	6	4	9	36	39	16
8. Botany Park	20	6	1	13	32	73	13
9. Hastings	20	2	0	18	15	112	4

The top scorers were:

1. Altay Ayyuce (Beaumaris) 26
2. Barry Taylor (Peninsula Sports) 23
3. Mark Walters (Botany Park) 21
4. Sean Harrison (Frankston United) 18



● Brian Coyle



● Jim O'Reilly

So Frankston United (who used to be called the Carrum Cowboys when I played for them) won the League again, and completed the double by defeating Beaumaris 4-0 in the Cup Final at beautiful Olympic Park, Rosebud, which must be the best pitch in Melbourne.

I'm not joking, it's unbelievable.

They've even got their own groundsman down there and he does a marvellous job on the playing surface.

Rosebud, of course, were once proud members of the Metropolitan League and legends like Jimmy Smart and "Mad Mike" O'Hara strode the stage there only five or six years ago.

I'll wrap this up by congratulating "Super-coach" Les Thomson — surely only he and Kenny Dalgleish won the double in their first year, and the rest of the Cowboys, sorry, United, and I'll predict that somebody smart will snap up Altay and Ayyuce who is a big, strong and fast centre forward who knows the direct route to goal.

He finishes his studies next month and is hoping to take a crack at the State League next year, so look out for him.

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ITALY V BRAZIL A BIT OF A YAWN

Did you stay up last Not so good, was it? Although Brazil's goal was a good one.

● Bill Jordanou

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THIS FINAL WILL BE CLOSE

I enjoyed a chat on Sunday night with my old teammate Andy Esposito, the Western Suburbs stalwart, who was telling me that Suburbs will be meeting Eltham-

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Saturday night to see the Italy v Brazil clash live on SBS.

I'm glad to say I didn't, I taped it instead.

● Arnold Muhren

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The Vic/VSF Gold Medal for the State League Best and Fairest Player

The State's Top Ten

by LES SHORROCK

● Martin Woodall

THAT is the title of Victorian soccer's newest award, which has replaced the Rothmans Medal.

It's quite a mouthful, but then, it's quite a medal.

It will be presented at a gala occasion tonight (Thursday) at the President Hotel and whoever wins it will no doubt be a worthy recipient.

Like the Rothmans before it, it has been voted for by the referees unlike the two awards that have preceded it this season.

Our own Soccer Star award was voted on by opposing coaches and neutral observers, the Bill Fleming was voted on by a selected panel of journalists, and in both cases, a send-off did not disqualify a player from winning the award.

That is the important difference and that is why several outstanding players will not be present at tonight's count.

Players sent off this season include Rothmans Medal winners Paul Harris and Ally Dick, as well as Box Hill's Paddy Cooper, Juve's Steve Marley, Green Gully's Tommy Daly, Falcons' Jim McBride and Billy Wright, Andy Higgins of Thomastown and several others who could have been expected to be in the running.

I have added together the Bill Fleming voting and the voting in our award and omitted all the players who have been sent off and I've come up with a list of ten players, all pictured below, and one of whom I think will win tonight.

Here they are, in no particular order of preference.

Martin Woodall. Last year's Rothman's Medal winner, Martin is the perfect professional, tough in the tackle and as hard as nails, but fair.

He makes the Northcote City engine-room tick.

Nick van Egmond. Nick is probably the year's most improved player.

Vlado Tortevski. Vlado is a cultured player

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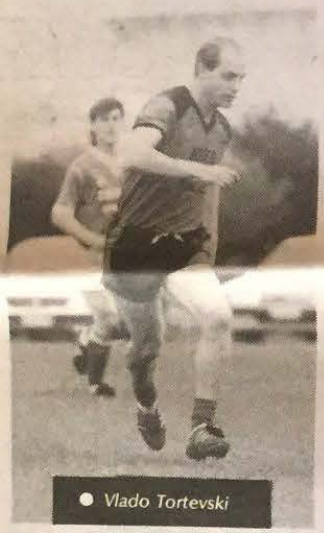
● Nick van Egmond



● Vlado Tortevski

● Adrian Pender

● Drazen Bozic

● Velimir Kupresak

● Sean Lane

● Ron Manley

● Reno Minichiello

● Gary McMullen

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DIV.1 MORNING	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
HIGHPOINT	18	15	0	3	50	14	30
ALTONA ILINDEN	18	13	3	2	52	22	29
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	18	11	4	3	46	21	26
ANZ BANK	18	8	3	7	22	19	19
FIBREMAKERS UTD	18	8	3	7	34	34	19
MONTROSE	18	8	0	10	26	29	16
AUSTN AIRLINES	18	5	3	10	27	37	13
APOLLO UNITED	18	6	1	11	42	57	13
MIDDLE PARK	18	3	3	12	21	55	9
NORTHCOTE UTD	18	3	0	15	27	59	6

DIV.1 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	18	12	5	1	42	18	29
HIGHPOINT	18	11	6	1	39	12	28
ANZ BANK	18	10	6	2	42	18	26
MONTROSE	18	7	6	5	34	24	20
AUSTN AIRLINES	18	7	6	5	37	29	20
NORTHCOTE UTD	18	5	3	10	23	44	13
FIBREMAKERS UTD	18	4	4	10	27	43	12
ALTONA ILINDEN	18	4	4	10	35	52	12
APOLLO UNITED	18	5	2	11	32	53	12
MIDDLE PARK	18	3	2	13	20	38	8

DIV.1 AFTERNOON	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
HAMPTON PARK UTD	16	11	3	2	49	25	25
WINDSOR	16	8	2	6	46	38	18
GLENROY DOXA UTD	16	7	4	5	34	37	18
THOMASTOWN UTD	16	7	3	6	37	30	17
MELB RUMANIA	16	7	3	6	42	39	17
FLAMINGO	16	6	5	5	38	38	17
COOMOORA SPIDERS	16	7	2	7	38	32	16
ROWVILLE UNITED	16	4	2	10	27	34	10
S'VALE EAGLES	16	2	2	12	23	61	6

DIV.1 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
WINDSOR	16	11	3	2	42	22	25
GLENROY DOXA UTD	16	11	1	4	62	26	23
MELB RUMANIA	16	10	1	5	55	35	21
FLAMINGO	16	6	6	4	36	30	18
ROWVILLE UNITED	16	7	2	7	38	41	16
S'VALE EAGLES	16	5	5	6	31	38	15
HAMPTON PARK UTD	16	6	2	8	39	34	14
COOMOORA SPIDERS	16	3	1	12	30	57	7
THOMASTOWN UTD	16	1	3	12	10	60	5

DIV.2 MIXED	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
TOTTENHAM	18	15	2	1	87	14	32
CRETAN ATHLETIC	18	15	1	2	63	21	31
MIDDLE EAST	18	12	2	4	55	29	26
HARAMBEE	18	10	3	5	63	39	23
OAKLEIGH CITY	18	8	2	8	50	43	18
SWINBURNE	18	9	0	9	39	56	18
MELBOURNE PUMAS	18	4	4	10	28	58	12
NTH X ST.HELENA	18	3	2	13	25	67	8
S.B. SPURS	18	2	2	14	17	45	6
LEROS UNITED	18	3	0	15	27	82	6

DIV.2 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
TOTTENHAM	18	14	4	0	64	11	32
CRETAN ATHLETIC	18	12	2	4	42	18	26
OAKLEIGH CITY	18	11	1	6	46	35	23
SWINBURNE	18	10	2	6	43	42	22
HARAMBEE	18	8	5	5	26	27	21
LEROS UNITED	18	7	3	8	41	43	17
MIDDLE EAST	18	7	2	9	44	49	16
MELBOURNE PUMAS	18	5	3	10	31	34	13
NTH X ST.HELENA	18	3	3	12	18	71	9
S.B. SPURS	18	0	1	17	15	40	1

DIV.2 AFTERNOON	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
FL'TON FLORIDIA	18	15	1	2	58	20	31
NTH DNG SPARROWS	18	13	3	2	49	24	29
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	18	11	3	4	68	36	25
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	18	10	3	5	40	27	23
BERWICK UNITED	18	10	1	7	41	29	21
ELWOOD UNITED	18	6	3	9	31	39	15
NTHN TIMORESE	18	6	1	11	38	46	13
DANDENONG UNITED	18	4	1	13	36	66	9
C.S.U.V.	18	3	2	13	20	60	8
OAK. CITY BAYS	18	2	2	14	27	61	6

DIV.2 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ELWOOD UNITED	18	17	1	0	162	18	35
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	18	15	1	2	88	25	31
BERWICK UNITED	18	10	4	4	57	44	24
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	18	9	3	6	49	48	21
DANDENONG UNITED	18	6	3	9	30	80	15
NTH DNG SPARROWS	18	5	3	10	35	60	13
NTHN TIMORESE	18	5	2	11	28	53	12
FL'TON FLORIDIA	18	6	0	12	22	73	12
OAK. CITY BAYS	18	4	3	11	43	66	11
C.S.U.V.	18	2	2	14	20	67	6

DIV.3 EAST	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
DALLAS UNITED	18	15	1	2	75	19	31
TAXATION UNITED	18	10	6	2	60	29	26
LAMINEX	18	9	7	2	72	38	25
BOWATER	18	9	3	6	45	34	21
KEELEY KINGS	18	9	2	7	47	40	20
PRESTON TRAMWAYS	18	8	3	7	41	39	19
GARDEN CITY	18	4	6	8	27	43	14
ESSENDON TRAMWAY	18	3	4	11	39	87	10
WESTALL P.I.P.A.	18	3	3	12	34	60	9
KEW DEAF	18	1	3	14	25	76	5

MIXED FORTUNES FOR DEBUTANTS

The sixteen new clubs which joined the League at the beginning of the 1989 season have enjoyed mixed fortunes. Some found the introduction to the League's Championship contests a daunting task, some took it in their stride. As could be expected, most finished the season mid-table or thereabouts, but all positions from the first to last were covered.

The brightest star of all the newcomers was Ardeer, whose "roses, roses, all the way" performance was featured in some detail in our last issue. Others also did extraordinarily well.

In Division Four, there was a season-long struggle for supremacy between three clubs — Eltham and Diamond Valley, Epping Thistle and Sunshine Macedonia.

Lurking in the wings Endeavour United posed a constant threat.

In the vent, only two points separated the top three sides. Eltham & Diamond Valley, however, handled its crunch games better, finally emerging with the Championship a point ahead of Epping Thistle, with Sunshine Macedonia a point further back.

For the Champions, their Round 16 clash with Epping Thistle proved all-important. After a titanic struggle it was able to take home the vital point which made it impossible for the Thistles to catch up.

Of the other new clubs in Division 4, Endeavour United finally finished in fourth position, a point ahead of Alexander the Great.

Sunshine United, after a promising start, fell away badly in the latter stages and could do no better than sixth. Poor old Dingley United found the competition just too fierce, and finished last on the table, but did not fare as badly as Ford Falcons which failed to see out the season.

As already mentioned, Ardeer was the only debutant in either of the two sections of Division 3. It finished Runner-Up in Three West and also took out the Manfield Bunney League Cup.

Several of the new clubs fielded both Firsts and Reserves teams and so were assigned to one or other of the two second division sections.

In Division 2 Mixed, four new groupings made the list. Cretan Athletic performed best, finishing as Runners-up in both Firsts and Reserves. Middle East also did well, finishing third in the Firsts and seventh in the Reserves. Next came Harambee (fourth and fifth), while Melbourne Pumas trailed the newcomers, finishing seventh in the Firsts and eighth in the Reserves.

Bayside ATA was the most successful of the Division 2 Afternoon debutants, finishing third in the Firsts and fourth in the Reserves. Keysborough Blue Danube was not far behind, being fourth and second respectively, while Elwood United's young lions did very well to finish sixth in a very tough Firsts competition. Meanwhile, Elwood's veterans annihilated all opposition to race away with the Reserves championship.

Oakleigh City Bays struggled all year to take away the wooden spoon in the Firsts, and finished only a marginally better ninth in the Reserves. Still, the Bays were not disgraced and in fact lost a number of encounters by the narrowest possible margin.

Perhaps reflecting a much tighter competition throughout all dividisions, only two teams came through the season without a defeat, and none escaped without dropping at least a point. Elwood United did best of all, finishing the season with 35 out of a possible 36 points.

Next in the undefeated list were Tottenham Reserves, whose four drawn games left them with a tally of 32 points from a possible 36.

There was mixed fortune also for the champions of yesteryear.

Faring by far the worst, 1988 Division 1 Morning Firsts and Reserves Champions, Middle Park, never got off the ground in 1989.

Its Firsts team finished an ignominious ninth, while its Runners-up in 1M last year, switched to 1 Afternoon, taking out the championship , but finishing seventh in the Reserves competition.

Division 2M champions, Fibremakers United, took the promotion to 1M in its stride and had a number of good wins before ultimately finishing in fifth place. It's Reserves, which had finished second in 1988, however, could do no better than seventh this year.

In Division 2 Afternoon, Windsor was a runaway champion, but found the going in 1 Afternoon a lot harder, finally finishing second, seven points off the pace.

Its Reserves, however, came from a 2A fourth placing in the 1988 to the Championship in 1989. Rowville United did not cope with its promotion quite so well. Runner-up in the Firsts last year and Champion of the Reserves, it plunged all the way to ninth and fifth respectively.

But some clubs just keep on keeping on. Dallas United won the Three East Championship by

DIV.3 WEST	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ALT NTH TARXIEN	18	13	4	1	59	11	30
ARDEER	18	13	4	1	52	18	30
ST ALBANS DYNAMO	18	11	6	1	63	18	28
KEILOR OLD BOYS	17	7	5	5	38	38	19
ST ALB WANDERERS	17	8	1	8	39	27	17
ALTONA HEIGHTS	17	7	3	7	30	34	17
K PARK HEIGHTS	18	4	3	11	30	55	11
WHITTLESEA	17	5	1	11	33	62	11
NIPPONDENSO	18	3	2	13	32	70	8
SUNBURY	18	1	3	14	16	59	5

DIV.4	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ELTHAM/D. VALLEY	16	12	2	2	56	17	26
EPPING THISTLE	16	11	3	2	43	22	25
SUNSHINE M'DONIA	16	12	0	4	54	17	24
ENDEAVOUR UNITED	16	9	2	5	35	21	20
ALEX THE GREAT	16	9	1	6	40	31	19
SUNSHINE UNITED	16	5	1	10	31	48	11
SALESIAN O.B.	16	3	1	12	19	23	7
EMBASSY TAXIS	16	3	1	12	19	62	7
DINGLEY UNITED	16	1	1	14	24	69	5

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● Knox City's Steve Middleton leaps in vain, South goalie Bruce McLaren watches anxiously, and Paul Wade and Paul Fernandes hold their breath as the ball grazes the post.

● Morwell Falcons' captain Jim McBride has been presented with the State League Cup by State League Chariman Lew Stafrace.

LAST WEEK'S ACTION

PICTURES BY LES SHORROCK

● Mendo Ristovski has just scored Altona Gate's second goal and are his teammates pleased!?

● Altona Gate centre-back Darren Byrne clears in front of Francis Awaritefe.

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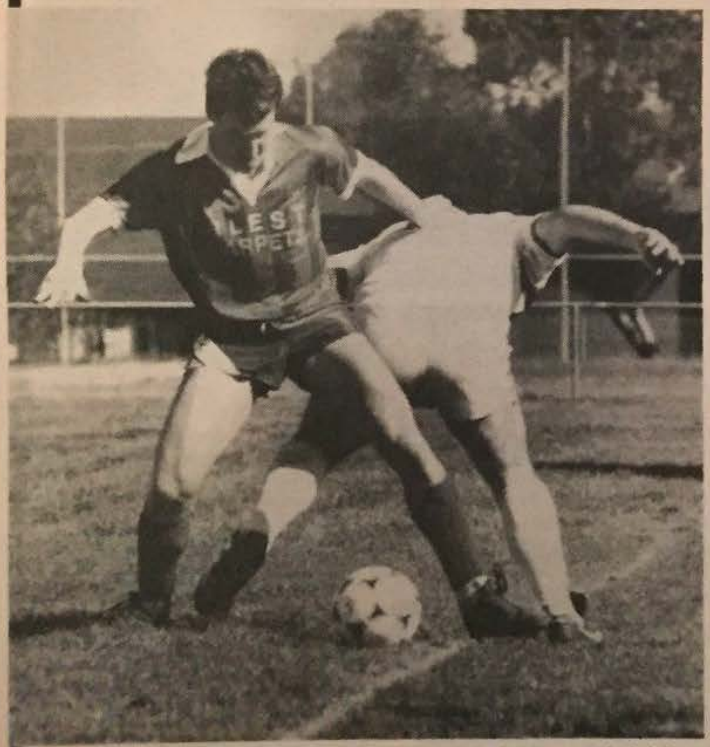
● Knox City's Paul Jamieson robs South's Damien Mori.

LAST WEEK'S ACTION

● Knox City's Guy Bakker.



● Mooroolbark's Ian Flawn gives Mordialloc's Bob Morrey a helpful shove.

● Mordialloc's Con Anastasiadis skips away from Mick Turner's despairing tackle.

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ALL THE CUPS DETAILS

Dockerty Cup Quarter-Finals

SOUTH MELBOURNE 5 (Postecoglou 2nd, 54th pen. Taliadoros 15th, Mori 26th, Trimboli 72nd) KNOX CITY 0
At Middle Park, Sunday (Double-header). Referee C. Ellis. Cautions Wilde, Bell (K), Taliadoros (SM).
SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren - Postecoglou, Fernandes (Anezakis 75th), Blair, Micheil - Wade, Taliadors, Mori (Georgakis 62nd), Tsolakis - Wright, Trimboli. Coach Ferenc Puskas.
KNOX CITY: Sarailas - Jamieson, Middleton, Murray, Saisi - Wilde, Bell, Weiland (Lutyens 30th), Heys - Brogan, Bakker. Coach Terry Hennessy.

ALTONA GATE 2 (McMullen 20th, Ristovski 40th) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1
At Middle Park, Sunday (Double-header). Referee C. Bambridge.
ALTONA GATE: Lee - Gagic, Markovski, Byrne, Stojcevski - Nicoski, Tortevski, Davis, Ristovski - McMullen, Georgievski. Coach Bill Murray.
MELBOURNE CROATIA: Rados - Davidson, Selemidis, Hannah, Donnelly - Duzel, Milosevic, Grbac, Caleta - Awaritefe, Kelic. Coach Ivan Reznjevic.

MORWELL FALCONS 2 (Manley 78th, 83rd) MELBOURNE JUST 0
At Olympic Village, Sunday (Double-header). Referee J. Santa Isabel.
MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds - Bingham, Bruns, Walsh, O'Donnell - Byrne, Nelson, Cassar, McBride (inj. Baldaccino HT) - Wright, Manley. Coach Bob McLachlan.
MELBOURNE JUST: Sanczaectolce - T. Becvinovski, Mitrovski, Durakovic, Lazopoulos - Surbieski, Crino, Kitanovski - Palatsides, S. Becvinovski, Retre. Coach Ken Murphy.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Petrov 4th) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Della Rocca 20th) (Juventus won 5-4 on penalties).
At Olympic Village, Heidelberg Sunday (Double-header). Referee J. Fraser.
PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes - Runje, Jackson, Taseski, Jolevski - Petrov, Slifkas, Tasevski (Markovac 40th), Markovski - Spink, Zinni. Coach Ljube Jancev.
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Laumets - Marley, Coady, Della Rocca De Amicis - Herd, Minichiello, Lane, Belic - Egan, Glockner (inj. Palleschi 30th). Coach Bill Robers.

State League Cup

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (o.g.) ST ALBANS 0
At Olympic Park Wednesday (Double-header). Referee J. Santa Isabel.
MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds - Bingham, Walsh, Bruns, O'Donnell - Cassar, Nelson, Byrne, McBride - Basara, Manley. Coach Bob McLachlan.
ST ALBANS: Vunerl - Babic (Pondeljak 65th), Bozic, Kupresak, Dragovic - Colina, Dezic, Kuzman (Cuze 84th), Gagula - Morovic, Eres. Coach Branko Culina.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Egan, pen. 85th) CROYDON CITY 0
At Olympic Park Wednesday (Double-header). Referee N. Zachariades. Cautions Brown, Runje, McIntosh (C).
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Laumets - Della Rocca, Palleschi, Belic, Giandomenico - Herd, Sonsini, Grillo, Trani - Egan, McGrellis. Coach Billy Rogers.
CROYDON CITY: Nobile - Brown, McIntosh, Gabrielson, Brack - Mathieson (Morgan 60th), Roodhouse, van Egmond, Field - Humble, Runje. Coach Ian Dobbson.

VICTORIAN LEAGUE CUP

ELTHAM D/V 2 GEELONG 1
WESTERN SUBS 1 MOORABBIN 0

Armstrong Cup Quarter Final Results

ALBION 1 RICHMOND 0
CLARINDA 2 GREEN GULLY 2
(Clarinda 6.5 pens)
BOX HILL 1 FAWKNER 0
CAULFIELD 1 KNOX CITY 0

DOCKERTY CUP
Semi-Final Draw

MORWELL FALCONS
v
ALTONA GATE
at 1.15 pm
Followed by
SOUTH MELBOURNE
v
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS
at
Middle Park
Sunday October 22
ADMISSION: ADULTS $6.....CHILDREN U/16 $2.....PENSIONERS FREE

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HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP
Semi-Final Draw

CLARINDA v CAULFIELD CITY
at 1.15 pm
Followed by
BOX HILL v ALBION
at
Wembley Park, Box Hill
Sunday October 22.
ADMISSION: $2

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VICTORIAN LEAGUE CUP
Western Suburbs v Eltham D/V
at
Stead Park Station Road, Corio
Sunday October 22.

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FALCONS TRIUMPH AGAIN

● CAN THEY LIFT THE DOCKERTY CUP TOO?

● Is this the biggest team picture of all time? It seemed as if half the Latrobe Valley wanted to be seen celebrating with their heroes after Falcons' State League Cup win last Wednesday.

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MATCH REPORT

Mooroolbark grabs First Division Title in last match.

MORDIALLOC 0 MOOROOLBARK 4
(House 20th, French 35th, Ried 40th, Burton 45th)

There was never any doubt about the destination of the 1st Division Championship after the 20th minute goal by Greg House for Mooroolbark. A well created goal, beautifully served, which seemed to inspire Mooroolbark to lift their game and further goals by Reid, French and Barry Burton virtually destroyed Mordialloc.

One must mention the quality of the goals, but the 4th deserves a merit on its own. Gathering the ball for a throw in inside his own half, bull back Michael Turner made two very good, intelligent 'yardage' throws up the line to enable him to use his long throw into the opposition area. Such was his accuracy he found the head of Graham French who headed on for Barrie Burton to come up and drive a great score past the keeper.

It was never conceivable that the second half would produce the goal tally of the 1st, the job was containment, but neverthe less chances were created repeatedly and the forward line so well lead by Graham French, was always a danger.

French's ability to hold and screen a ball have, this season, opened up defences for other people to score. He takes a lot of weight off the players around him and must be credited for the success he has made in his first coaching year.

Congratulations Mooroolbark — 1st Division Champions.

MORE CUP SHOCKS

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But in the sudden death shoot-out Fausto De Amicis scored for Juve and Warren Spink missed for Preston and Juve were through.

So for the first time since the NSL was formed, three of the semi-finalists are from the State League.

Next Sunday's semi-finals should be very interesting indeed.

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VICTORIAN LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M'bark	26	14	8	4	45	20	36
Albion	26	13	10	3	34	18	36
Oakl'h	25	10	10	5	36	23	30
Knox	26	12	5	9	39	34	29
S'haw	26	10	7	9	41	33	27
W.Subs	26	9	9	8	29	30	27
Mord	26	8	10	8	29	35	26
W'gte	26	10	5	11	32	26	25
Dove'n	26	10	5	11	30	41	25
B'mead	26	8	8	10	26	27	24
E'don	26	8	8	10	25	33	24
W'bne	26	9	6	11	26	36	24
N'wad	25	7	8	10	35	38	22
D'nong	26	2	3	21	18	51	7

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Albion	26	19	2	5	58	31	40
M'bark	26	15	5	6	57	32	35
Dove'n	26	13	9	4	43	25	35
Knox	25	13	7	5	68	26	33
N'wad	26	14	5	7	55	32	33
B'mead	25	11	6	8	43	35	28
Oakl'h	26	6	12	8	38	33	24
S'haw	26	7	7	12	47	55	21
W.Subs	26	9	3	14	26	55	21
W'gte	26	7	6	13	28	52	20
E'don	26	8	3	15	36	44	19
W'bne	26	8	3	15	26	54	19
Mord	26	6	6	14	39	75	18
D'nong	26	6	4	16	25	40	16

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
N.Geel	26	17	4	5	51	24	38
Pt Mel	26	17	3	6	52	32	37
Keilor	26	15	5	6	41	25	35
B'ton	26	15	5	6	41	25	35
Geel	26	13	6	7	44	36	32
R'wood	26	9	12	5	37	33	30
Wav.C	26	12	5	9	47	32	29
C'ton H	26	10	7	9	35	34	27
R'mond	26	11	3	12	46	50	25
Coburg	26	8	8	10	39	42	24
S'bury	26	6	5	15	27	42	17
Bon Rv	26	5	7	14	22	40	17
H'berg	26	5	3	18	33	54	13
V'ville	26	1	2	23	15	71	4

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B'ton	25	20	2	3	56	21	42
C'ton H	26	18	5	3	70	24	41
Keilor	26	16	6	4	49	25	38
N.Geel	26	14	5	7	67	44	33
Geel	25	12	5	8	59	34	29
Pt Mel	26	13	3	10	51	37	29
R'mond	26	10	5	11	46	56	25
Wav.C	26	10	4	12	49	34	24
Bon Rv	26	9	6	11	49	41	24
R'wood	26	8	4	14	47	81	20
S'bury	26	7	3	16	39	54	17
H'berg	26	5	5	16	35	55	15
V'ville	26	5	3	18	30	102	13
Coburg	26	2	8	16	17	56	12

LEAGUE 3

FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bell Pk	26	18	2	6	65	22	38
C'sea	26	15	7	4	53	27	37
C/geel	26	13	7	6	42	26	33
S'ford	26	13	5	8	50	27	31
C'inda	26	11	9	6	42	36	31
M'ton	26	12	6	8	33	28	30
Elt/d.V	26	11	6	9	37	35	28
Lalor	26	11	5	10	40	43	27
M'bin	26	9	6	11	35	41	24
Holl Pk	26	10	2	14	40	54	22
S'vale	26	6	8	12	31	47	20
Altona	26	6	5	15	35	56	17
H'thon	26	4	5	17	27	54	13
Y'ourn	26	4	5	17	20	54	13

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Elt/d.V	26	19	5	2	64	19	43
M'bin	26	16	5	5	70	27	37
C'inda	26	16	2	8	67	52	34
S'ford	25	14	3	8	62	31	31
S'vale	26	12	6	8	58	43	30
Bell Pk	26	11	7	8	39	37	29
C'sea	26	11	4	11	48	46	26
Altona	26	9	7	10	42	44	25
Lalor	25	7	9	9	37	43	23
M'ton	26	10	3	13	33	46	23
Holl Pk	26	6	8	12	32	54	20
H'thorn	26	5	8	13	29	56	18
C/geel	26	5	6	15	37	53	16
Y'ourn	26	1	5	20	19	86	7

LEAGUE 4

FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cl'ton	26	17	6	3	75	34	40
Bent	26	15	10	1	62	25	40
Brun/iv	26	16	6	4	47	16	38
Haalyn	26	13	6	7	54	34	32
L'warr	26	12	8	6	39	25	32
Regent	26	13	4	9	33	26	30
K'ingal	26	11	5	10	36	27	27
More.Pk	26	8	6	12	34	45	22
Boronia	26	6	9	11	22	39	21
P'vale	26	7	6	13	28	44	20
R'anna	26	6	7	13	28	55	19
Ftgully	26	6	6	14	27	49	18
W'town	26	3	7	16	29	64	13
Keysbro	26	3	6	17	20	51	12

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
L'warr	25	15	7	3	50	23	37
Cl'ton	25	17	3	5	46	27	37
Brun/iv	25	15	6	4	56	25	36
K'ingal	25	12	4	9	47	28	28
Bent	26	11	6	9	62	48	28
Regent	26	8	10	8	42	44	26
Ftgully	26	10	5	11	43	40	25
More.Pk	25	8	8	9	37	35	24
Boronia	25	8	7	10	35	35	23
Haalyn	26	8	5	13	33	40	21
R'anna	26	6	8	12	38	54	20
Keysbro	26	8	4	14	38	65	20
P'vale	26	7	4	15	27	56	18
W'town	26	6	3	17	33	67	15

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'vale	26	18	7	1	54	22	43
Oak.Sub	26	17	4	5	54	33	38
Prahran	26	14	8	4	58	39	36
Berwick	26	14	3	9	52	40	31
N.Sun	26	11	7	8	53	36	29
W Mead	26	13	3	10	45	36	29
MossF'	26	11	6	9	40	37	28
Malvern	26	10	8	8	41	41	28
W Vale	26	8	8	10	31	31	24
E Geel	26	7	6	13	32	52	20
B'wick	26	5	9	12	30	46	19
Melton	26	5	8	13	33	47	18
Wav'ly	26	4	3	19	27	61	11
S Yarra	26	3	4	19	24	53	10

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Prahran	26	18	5	3	70	26	41
N.Sun	26	14	6	6	57	29	34
S'vale	25	17	0	4	40	25	34
Malvern	26	13	7	6	60	41	33
W Mead	26	11	10	5	50	47	32
W Vale	26	9	8	9	30	28	26
Melton	26	10	5	11	36	32	25
S Yarra	26	6	10	10	56	53	22
MossF'	26	6	10	10	51	51	22
Oak.Sub	26	6	9	11	28	40	21
Berwick	26	4	13	9	33	46	21
B'wick	25	5	11	9	30	43	21
Wav'ly	26	6	5	15	28	65	17
E Geel	26	3	7	16	35	78	13

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F.Hill	26	15	9	2	61	25	39
Altona	26	17	5	4	52	29	39
Cranb'n	26	15	7	4	47	25	37
S Dandy	26	16	4	6	61	36	36
S S'val	26	14	7	5	53	26	35
Ascot	26	10	9	7	41	31	29
Br'tons	26	10	8	8	43	35	28
Uni Mel	26	7	8	11	33	41	22
Lalor	26	4	11	11	30	43	19
Ball't	26	6	5	15	32	55	17
Port Un	26	6	5	15	34	63	17
F'kston	26	4	8	14	24	42	16
Glenroy	26	5	5	16	33	63	15
Monash	26	5	5	16	22	52	15

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Uni Mel	26	18	5	3	68	27	41
Altona	26	13	9	4	49	29	35
Ascot	26	15	4	7	67	32	34
F.Hill	26	11	7	8	60	45	29
Glenroy	26	12	5	9	60	54	29
Ball't	26	11	6	9	39	26	28
S Dandy	26	9	9	8	46	47	27
F'kston	26	11	5	10	40	45	27
Lalor	26	6	11	9	46	48	23
Cranb'n	26	7	9	10	35	42	23
Monash	26	6	6	14	29	52	18
Port Un	26	6	6	14	32	72	18
S S'val	26	5	6	15	26	47	16
Br'tons	26	6	4	16	31	62	16

LEAGUE 3

FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lyndale	26	15	8	3	58	24	38
Fitzroy	26	15	7	4	48	30	37
Brandon	26	14	7	5	50	27	35
Kew	26	12	9	5	37	28	33
Ringw'd	26	9	11	6	39	32	29
Med.Pk.	26	9	9	8	32	31	27
Altona	26	9	9	8	25	25	27
W'tirna	26	9	8	9	53	36	26
Mitchan	26	8	8	10	41	49	24
Monbulk	26	7	8	11	33	32	22
Bataan	26	5	12	9	38	38	22
Carrum	26	3	11	12	26	43	17
R'dale	26	4	9	13	33	64	17
Nth Cla	26	2	6	18	24	78	10

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Monbulk	26	17	6	3	65	31	40
Lyndale	26	16	2	8	82	49	34
Kew	26	14	6	6	62	39	34
Bataan	26	14	5	7	65	49	33
Brandon	26	13	6	7	60	33	32
R'dale	26	14	4	8	61	40	32
W'tirna	26	11	9	6	54	40	31
Altona	25	10	4	11	47	52	24
Med.Pk.	25	8	7	10	50	52	23
Mitchan	26	7	6	13	40	49	20
Ringw'd	26	7	5	14	35	56	19
Fitzroy	25	6	5	14	46	74	17
Carrum	26	5	5	16	54	91	15
N.Clayt	25	2	2	21	20	86	6

UNDER 11

CENTRAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B,aris	2	2	0	0	11	0	4
E,rich	2	1	1	0	14	1	3
Condors	2	1	1	0	12	3	3
Clayton	2	1	1	0	11	7	3
C,field	2	1	1	0	4	1	3
Mordi	2	1	0	1	16	2	2
Mel Cty	2	1	0	1	11	10	2
E,bent	2	0	0	2	2	14	0
Mordi B	1	0	0	1	1	14	0
Elwood	2	0	0	2	6	20	0
D,leigh	1	0	0	1	0	16	0

EASTERN A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F. Hill	2	2	0	0	10	2	4
S'valea	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
Cr'don.	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
Mitchan	2	1	0	1	11	4	2
Donc.R	2	1	0	1	11	7	2
W'ley.U	2	1	0	1	5	2	2
Knox.A	2	1	0	1	5	3	2
Cla'nda	2	1	0	1	2	5	2
W'ley.C	2	0	1	1	5	7	1
Nuna.C	2	0	1	1	4	14	1
Bulleen	2	0	0	2	0	8	0
B.Hill	2	0	0	2	1	12	0

EASTERN B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
G/w.Ley	2	2	0	0	14	0	4
M,bark	2	2	0	0	14	0	4
Boronia	2	1	1	0	3	2	3
Knox Ct	1	1	0	0	9	0	2
H,ton P	2	1	0	1	8	4	2
Oakleig	2	1	0	1	6	5	2
Elthae	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
S,vale	2	1	0	1	2	10	2
B,don P	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
S,brook	2	0	0	2	3	9	0
Bri,ton	2	0	0	2	0	11	0
Knox Ct	2	0	0	2	0	18	0

NORTHERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
T.town	2	2	0	0	10	1	4
B.U.Juv	2	2	0	0	7	0	4
Fawkner	1	1	0	0	7	0	2
N,cote	2	1	0	1	5	1	2
Mel,cro	2	1	0	1	9	6	2
Lalor U	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
N.coll	2	1	0	1	5	7	2
Lalor	2	1	0	1	3	8	2
Preston	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
Malvern	2	0	0	2	2	12	0
H,berg	2	0	0	2	0	10	0

NTH/WEST A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nth,res	2	2	0	0	16	0	4
Regent	2	2	0	0	7	1	4
Wes,gat	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
Ess,don	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
E/buns/	2	1	0	1	5	3	2
West Su	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
Preston	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Med,par	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sunbury	2	0	0	2	0	6	0
Syd.par	2	0	0	2	1	8	0
H,berg	2	0	0	2	0	19	0

NTH/WEST B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sun,par	2	2	0	0	21	0	4
Westval	2	2	0	0	11	1	4
M,meds	2	2	0	0	7	2	4
Keon Pa	2	2	0	0	6	1	4
Lalor U	2	1	0	1	7	4	2
R,anna	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
G,gully	2	1	0	1	5	7	2
N,cote	2	0	1	1	6	7	1
Maccabi	2	0	1	1	5	6	1
Altona	2	0	0	2	2	10	0
Preston	2	0	0	2	0	16	0
Y,ville	2	0	0	2	0	16	0

PENINSULA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
P,sula	2	2	0	0	13	3	4
C,bourn	2	2	0	0	8	0	4
F,pines	2	2	0	0	9	4	4
S,dandy	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Dingley	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
F,ston	2	1	0	1	10	5	2
Se,vale	2	1	0	1	6	6	2
S,vale	2	0	0	2	3	6	0
Se,vale	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Lyndale	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
L,warn	2	0	0	2	0	10	0
Dovetan	2	0	0	2	2	18	0

WESTERN A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Y,ville	2	2	0	0	5	0	4
Sun Hts	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
N,geel	2	1	0	1	14	4	2
St,alba	1	1	0	0	9	1	2
E,geel	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Keilor	2	1	0	1	6	13	2
A,gate	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
George	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
Melton	2	0	0	2	1	13	0

UNDER 12

CEN/PEN A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C,field	22	19	2	1	109	17	40
P,ula	20	18	1	1	102	12	37
Clayton	22	16	1	5	63	30	33
Nuna Ct	21	12	3	6	49	34	27
L,warn	21	8	7	6	36	21	23
B,maris	22	9	2	11	60	48	20
E,bent	22	9	2	11	40	67	20
Brighto	22	6	4	12	25	46	16
E,rich	22	5	6	11	21	46	16
D,nong	22	4	3	15	23	75	11
Baxter	22	2	5	15	13	72	9
Glen Wa	22	2	4	16	19	92	8

CEN/PEN B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Elwood	22	20	0	2	154	11	40
C,bourn	21	17	2	2	56	13	36
Condors	20	15	2	3	75	23	32
Mitchan	20	13	3	4	70	19	29
Seaford	22	11	4	7	61	48	26
B,green	22	8	7	7	28	24	23
Ss,vale	19	8	2	9	37	34	18
Berwick	22	3	6	13	23	74	12
San,han	20	3	6	11	20	72	12
Chelsea	21	3	5	13	25	56	11
Karinga	21	3	2	16	9	91	8
M,ton	20	1	1	18	8	101	3

EASTERN A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mitchan	22	17	3	2	86	9	37
Seaford	22	17	2	3	73	22	36
F.hill	22	14	4	4	60	18	32
F,ston	22	13	6	3	53	15	32
S,vale	22	14	2	6	43	21	30
Berwick	22	10	5	7	44	20	25
Doveton	22	8	5	9	31	36	21
Wav,utd	22	8	3	11	40	39	19
Clarind	22	8	2	12	29	46	18
B,rover	22	3	3	16	18	59	9
M,bark	22	2	1	19	9	94	5
Monbulk	22	0	0	22	12	119	0

NORTHERN A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor	20	16	3	1	47	9	35
N,res	20	13	6	1	46	19	32
Regent	20	9	8	3	43	19	26
H,berg	20	10	5	5	21	16	25
Bulleen	20	9	5	6	26	18	23
T,town	19	7	4	8	21	24	18
B.U.Juv	20	5	6	9	22	20	16
Preston	18	4	7	7	16	23	15
M,med	20	4	5	11	21	28	13
Fawkner	19	3	4	12	21	46	10
Malvern	20	0	3	17	10	72	3

NORTHERN B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor U	17	17	0	0	74	13	34
M,croat	19	11	3	5	64	16	25
Ess,don	17	10	4	3	43	18	24
E,brun/	18	8	5	5	33	25	21
Pt,welb	17	7	3	7	33	32	17
Keon Pk	17	8	0	9	32	43	16
Bundoor	16	6	2	8	33	59	14
N,cote	16	4	1	11	25	43	9
S,boro	17	3	3	11	19	57	9
Elthae	18	1	3	14	21	65	5

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WESTERN A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Sun.Bks	14	11	1	2	37	7	23
St Alba	14	10	2	2	38	13	22
Sun Par	16	9	4	3	30	19	22
N.gee	14	8	2	4	36	14	18
Melton	13	6	3	4	9	11	15
Altona	13	4	1	8	22	35	9
E.alton	15	2	1	12	8	42	5
Keilor	15	1	1	13	7	39	3

WESTERN B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Nth.sun	4	4	0	0	10	0	8
Altona	5	4	0	1	14	5	8
Melb Ct	4	3	0	1	6	4	6
N.vale	4	2	0	2	16	4	4
N.subs	4	2	0	2	6	7	4
George	4	1	1	2	6	8	3
Albion	4	1	1	2	4	19	3
Brenton	4	0	2	2	1	6	2
Syd Par	5	0	0	5	5	15	0

UNDER 13

EASTERN A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
E/rich	22	18	2	2	77	15	38
Clarind	22	18	2	2	79	19	38
Bent Gr	22	16	4	2	85	16	36
B.marsh	22	12	5	5	98	35	29
Lyndale	22	11	5	6	58	34	27
Donc.W	22	11	4	7	64	37	26
Nav/Dev	21	10	1	10	60	47	21
L.warn	21	6	0	15	36	65	12
Seaford	21	4	1	16	28	105	9
M/bark	22	3	3	16	17	111	9
C.bourn	21	1	6	14	14	61	8
Croydon	20	2	1	17	26	90	5

EASTERN B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Mordi	20	16	3	1	133	13	35
E.bent	20	15	3	2	93	17	33
Nav.utd	20	15	2	3	106	19	32
Ss/vale	19	13	1	5	60	30	27
R.wood	19	8	4	7	60	48	20
Hampton	20	8	1	11	74	69	17
F.hill	18	7	2	9	41	37	16
M.ton	21	7	2	12	53	68	16
Sandy	18	4	0	14	24	87	8
Monbulk	19	3	1	15	19	89	7
Hasting	19	0	2	17	5	191	2

NTH/WEST A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Ipswich	20	14	6	0	81	12	34
West.Su	*20*	*16*	*2*	*2*	*80*	*15*	*34*
Melb.Ct	*19*	*11*	*2*	*6*	*54*	*21*	*24*
Alt.Cy	19	11	2	6	45	25	24
Regent	17	9	5	3	41	18	23
Alt.Gat	19	9	5	5	33	15	23
N'cote	20	7	4	9	40	43	18
Nth.Sun	19	4	4	11	27	40	12
Lalor U	17	3	1	13	22	48	7
Brun.Cy	18	1	3	14	8	91	5
Lalor	20	1	2	17	13	116	4

NTH/WEST B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Eas.Cy	16	15	1	0	76	6	31
T.Town	17	14	1	2	77	13	29
S.G.I.	16	9	1	6	48	25	19
Albion	15	8	2	5	37	31	18
Morelan	16	7	4	5	33	32	18
Syd.Pk	16	5	4	7	28	49	14
E.Geel	17	4	3	10	27	49	11
New.Col	14	2	4	8	14	36	8
Clif.Hi	16	2	3	11	14	50	7
M.Nong	15	1	1	13	10	73	3

NTH/WEST C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Yarravi	20	19	1	0	135	9	39
Keon.Pk	20	14	1	5	82	29	29
Werribe	20	13	3	4	72	21	29
Preston	20	12	5	3	56	27	29
Nth.Utd	20	7	7	6	31	46	21
Sunbury	20	7	5	8	34	47	19
Rosanna	20	6	3	11	29	50	15
M.Fiel	20	3	6	11	14	66	12
Westgat	20	3	5	12	20	62	11
Eltham	20	4	3	13	25	68	11
B.Meado	20	1	3	16	15	86	5

RICOH S/LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hlberg	21	14	4	3	41	16	32
Preston	21	13	3	5	44	20	31
B.w.Dev	20	12	5	3	51	10	29
E.alton	20	13	3	4	51	20	29
S/vale	21	11	5	5	45	25	27
Mitchan	20	9	4	7	26	22	22
C.Field	22	8	7	9	30	37	19
Frston	21	7	3	11	21	33	17
St Alba	22	7	3	12	31	55	17
G.gully	22	5	4	13	30	53	14
Karringa	21	2	3	16	17	52	8
Clayton	21	2	2	17	21	69	6

UNDER 14

EASTERN A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
D.leigh	18	13	2	3	64	22	28
Mitchan	18	12	3	3	55	14	27
Seaford	18	12	1	4	49	23	27
Clarind	18	9	7	2	42	23	25
F/ston	18	7	5	6	33	21	19
Ss/vale	18	8	2	8	45	40	18
Nunw	18	5	5	8	33	39	15
Bulleen	18	5	0	13	11	43	10
Nav Utd	18	4	1	13	15	59	9
B.marsh	18	0	2	16	22	68	2

EASTERN B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Nav Cty	19	14	4	1	80	6	32
Oak Sub	19	14	3	2	77	24	31
Berwick	20	12	3	5	46	30	27
Pk.more	19	11	1	7	71	33	23
C.field	19	10	2	7	58	29	22
S/vale	18	6	7	5	38	28	19
S/vale	19	7	4	8	39	39	18
G.wav	10	0	10	0	1	1	10
Box Hil	18	3	4	11	23	77	10
F.I.G	18	2	2	14	19	84	6
Maccabi	10	0	0	10	2	100	0

EASTERN C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
L.Warri	20	15	4	1	69	8	34
Donc.Ro	20	14	3	3	84	25	31
Croydon	18	13	3	2	91	24	29
Chelsea	20	10	4	6	58	39	24
Clayton	20	10	4	6	43	35	24
Sher.Ra	20	7	7	6	52	39	21
F.Ston	19	6	5	8	37	33	17
Hasting	19	4	4	11	18	61	12
Oakleig	19	3	3	13	25	82	9
Baxter	19	3	1	15	14	86	7
D.Nong	20	2	2	16	28	87	6

NTH/WEST A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
M/croat	15	11	2	2	49	16	24
George	15	11	2	2	30	12	24
Altona	16	9	2	5	24	17	20
G.gully	15	9	1	5	40	25	19
Clifton	15	7	1	7	13	23	15
S/shine	14	3	3	8	20	30	9
N.cote	15	3	3	9	13	33	9
H.berg	15	3	3	9	15	37	9
Malvern	16	3	1	12	18	37	7

NTH/WEST B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
M.Land	16	11	3	2	57	14	25
Cosundo	14	11	2	1	46	7	24
Nth Res	15	11	1	3	39	12	23
West Ga	14	6	3	5	22	16	15
Lalor U	16	6	2	8	19	46	14
Maribry	15	6	1	8	40	41	13
Geelong	15	3	3	7	5	22	11
T.Town	16	2	3	11	10	35	7
Lalor	15	1	2	12	6	51	4

NTH/WEST C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bruns C	16	14	2	0	80	4	30
Port Me	16	11	3	2	59	20	25
Albion	16	11	2	3	62	12	24
William	16	10	1	5	62	30	21
Corinth	16	6	3	7	33	33	15
G.Shore	17	5	2	10	22	47	12
Rosanna	16	5	2	9	8	43	12
Bell Pa	17	2	1	14	18	65	5
Melton	15	1	1	13	7	70	3

RICOH S/LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
F.Hill	22	18	2	2	54	11	38
Pen	21	16	2	3	48	13	34
Donc	21	12	4	5	45	14	28
S/vale	21	12	2	7	42	16	26
Preston	20	12	2	6	41	22	26
N.geel	22	11	3	8	36	32	25
Lalor U	21	11	2	8	32	28	24
Fawkner	22	7	8	11	34	41	18
Regent	22	6	4	12	27	32	16
S.shine	22	5	2	15	32	58	12
Knox	21	1	3	17	14	59	5
E.bent	22	1	2	19	17	107	4

UNDER 15

EASTERN A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
S/vale	22	16	5	1	62	5	37
C.field	22	16	2	4	52	17	34
Oak A	21	14	2	5	53	28	30
Clarind	21	13	3	5	46	19	29
Malvern	21	10	6	5	40	31	26
Brighto	22	9	5	8	48	30	23
Hawthor	22	9	5	8	37	33	23
S/vale	22	9	1	12	33	41	19
Wav.utd	21	5	5	11	24	40	15
Bent.gr	21	3	3	15	17	61	9
Lyndale	21	4	1	16	21	74	9
M.bark	22	1	2	19	10	64	4

EASTERN B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
E.rich	20	17	1	2	77	17	35
Hampton	19	14	3	2	57	16	31
Oak B	18	12	3	3	56	13	27
S.dandy	20	11	1	8	32	34	23
L.warn	18	9	1	8	29	29	19
Lyndale	19	8	3	8	30	36	19
F.hill	20	9	0	11	41	44	18
R.wood	18	6	4	8	39	36	16
M.bark	19	2	4	13	8	48	8
Dingley	18	0	5	13	13	58	5
Monbulk	17	1	3	13	13	64	5

NTH/WEST A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Nth Utd	14	11	2	1	48	13	24
H.berg	13	10	2	1	42	9	22
Y.vill	13	5	4	4	22	13	14
Clifton	14	5	2	7	24	34	12
Mal Cty	13	4	3	6	16	26	11
Eas.don	12	3	4	5	18	18	10
M.meado	13	1	1	11	5	38	3
Bruns C	7	0	1	6	2	37	1

NTH/WEST B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Nth/gee	15	12	2	1	49	19	26
N.Cote	16	11	1	4	40	21	23
S.G.I.	16	10	1	5	52	17	21
Lal.Utd	15	9	1	5	25	21	19
Alt.Gat	16	8	1	7	44	30	17
Alt.Cas	15	7	1	7	36	25	15
Sun.Nat	16	3	2	11	14	50	8
Werribe	16	2	0	15	19	47	6
Lalor	16	1	3	12	17	67	5

NTH/WEST C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
E.geel	17	9	3	0	27	5	21
Bundoor	11	9	0	2	35	9	18
N.vale	10	6	2	4	13	13	10
Bacat.	12	2	4	5	8	16	10
Croatia	10	2	3	5	14	12	7
Sunbury	12	0	4	8	11	29	4

RICOH S/LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Melb.Ct	19	15	2	2	59	11	32
Du.Dev	20	13	3	4	84	15	29
N.Subs	19	11	4	4	42	11	26
Preston	17	9	4	4	37	17	22
Fawkner	17	9	3	5	39	20	21
Berwick	17	7	4	6	27	32	18
Prahran	19	5	4	10	28	35	14
Donc.Ro	18	5	4	9	24	38	14
Sht.Tow	13	3	5	5	17	30	11
St.Alb	20	3	5	12	24	68	7
T.Town	16	1	4	11	11	40	6

UNDER 16

EASTERN A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
F.ston	17	13	2	2	67	15	28
Mel.cty	18	10	3	5	51	33	23
E.rich	16	10	2	4	46	31	22
Mordi	16	8	4	4	25	20	20
Ss/vale	18	8	4	6	32	31	20
S/vale	18	7	4	7	56	39	18
Condors	16	8	2	6	49	35	18
Dandy	17	3	3	11	22	58	9
Seaford	18	2	3	13	17	84	7
Mitchan	16	1	3	12	19	38	5

EASTERN B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
C/wood	18	17	1	0	107	11	35
Oak Sub	20	13	3	4	52	24	29
F.T.G	19	12	4	3	50	20	28
K.boro	19	9	3	7	54	34	21
Donc	19	8	5	6	44	46	21
F/ston	20	8	4	8	40	28	20
Chelsea	20	7	4	9	46	61	18
C/bourn	19	5	3	11	50	48	13
M.bark	19	3	5	11	23	51	11
Karinga	18	4	2	12	22	54	10
Hasting	17	1	0	16	13	122	2

NTH/WEST A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Croatia	5	4	1	0	17	6	9
Nth Utd	4	3	0	1	9	7	6
Regent	2	2	0	0	10	0	4
Syd Pk	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
M.meado	4	1	1	2	7	9	3
Albion	3	0	1	2	3	8	1
Geel Ct	4	0	0	4	5	18	0

RICOH S/LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Alt Gat	20	18	1	1	53	13	37
S/vale	22	14	3	5	46	21	31
George	21	13	4	4	36	17	30
Preston	19	11	4	4	40	18	26
C.Field	22	9	6	7	23	20	24
T.town	19	10	2	7	19	21	22
Oak	20	8	3	9	33	32	19
M.berg	20	4	8	8	30	45	16
Nav Utd	20	4	5	11	13	28	13
St Alba	20	3	5	12	16	41	11
Bullean	21	3	5	13	19	45	11
Dove	20	1	2	17	10	37	4

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EASTERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
E.rich	19	16	2	1	66	17	34
Hellas	18	15	1	2	62	17	31
Mel Cty	18	12	2	4	54	25	26
Mordi	19	8	5	6	38	33	21
F.more	17	7	6	4	40	27	20
Altona	17	5	5	7	28	37	15
Croydon	15	5	3	7	25	29	13
Brighto	17	4	2	10	14	40	11
Box Hil	17	3	1	13	27	54	7
Karinga	19	0	1	18	13	91	1

NORTHERN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Geel Ct	17	14	2	1	46	17	30
N.geel	17	10	1	6	39	30	21
Fawkner	15	7	4	4	35	15	18
Clifton	16	7	3	6	34	27	17
H.berg	16	6	4	6	30	21	16
Jow	15	6	3	6	21	17	15
N.cote	16	4	3	9	27	31	11
M.neng	16	4	3	9	10	38	11
H.berg	17	2	3	12	13	43	6

NELSON FROM PAGE 3

Diamond Valley in the Victorian League Cup Final on Saturday at GEELONG, (now there's a neutral site) after Suburbs beat Moorabbin City by a Manny Kopsaftis goal while Eltham-Diamond Valley — let's call them EDV — beat second division Geelong 2-1, both games played at Sunbury.

Andy was also telling me that he's looking forward to matching wits with our old Sunshine City teammate Brian Coyle, the ex-Thomastown left winger/midfielder, who now plays for EDV.

Unfortunately, Brian's big brother Keiron is injured — he's torn up his knee seemingly — and won't be available for Alan Kerr's men.

My prediction? Whoever take spenalties better will win.

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BILL'S BACK FOR MORDIALLOC

I see that the Jordanou who is playing for Mordialloc is, indeed, Billy Jordanou, who played for the good Hakoah sides of a decade ago, with players like Anton Dosen, Mick Rainey, David Baker, etc.

Ah, what names.

Billy was a really good player too, but before or since, I've never seen a player who could upset his opponents as much, not even the other Billy from the Latrobe Valley.

I seem to remember that Bill stopped playing due to work commitments, but it's good to see him back now as he had a very sweet left foot, a la Arnold Muhren.

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LASTLY, this week, I was speaking to "Yer auld faither" Jimmy O'Reilly on Saturday, and he was telling me that the injury which prevented him from playing in Nunawading's last five or six games has cleared up now.

That's great news as "Jammy" is as great guy as well as being an outstanding player.

I hope he's back next year.

I must away.

— RAB

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Morwell Falcons were full of confidence for the quarter final of the Dockerty Cup match against Melbourne JUST after virtually stealing the State League top four Cup from St Albans the previous Wednesday night.

In that game neither side looked like scoring, then, with little time left by St Albans defender Robert Dragovic chested the ball down in front of his own goal & scored.

It was this own goal that gave the cup to a delighted Morwell squad and the same Morwell squad fronted up for the Dockerty Cup game at Olympic Village.

In brilliant sunshine Morwell were unable to capitalise on the very strong wind.

A free kick from Jim McBride late in the first half bounced off the far post and back into play with the scoreboard unaltered at the break.

Playing against the wind appeared to be just what the doctor ordered.

Melbourne's defence was being caught square by Morwell's front runners and Ron Manley was playing superbly shielding the ball well and managing to break through.

With less than ten minutes to go Sean Byrne crossed to Manley who let fly with a solid shot beating the JUST keeper to notch up a score.

Young Steve Baldacchino who had replaced injured Jim McBride at half time almost made a name for himself with a good solo run down the left side but the shot went wide.

In the last minute more solid work from Marley on the right side beat the JUST defence with Billy Wright also powering on to the ball but it was over the line for a secone to Manley before Wright slammed it into the net.

Eltham battles way into final

VALLEY overcame an early set back and stormed into the final of the Vic. League Cup at Sunbury on Saturday.

The first 20 minutes were played at a frantic pace with the advantage of the wind, Geelong were well in command and looked set for a comfortable win.

The Valley defence in their usual benevolent style handed a chance to Darren Tuck who opened the scoring after only 7 minutes. Geelong continued to press with Plummer and McCaffrey well in command of the midfield and Fleming and Tuck always looking dangerous, but some desperate defence by Giacomi, Love and Petrucelli kept them at bay.

Valley gradually came into the game and Coyle and Milenkovic wrested control of the middle from Geelong and pushed forward where Johansson and Hodgson had the Geelong defence on the run.

Johansson was brought down in the box, after 33m. Milenkovic's shot was parried by Howe and Hodgson knocked the rebound into the net for the equaliser.

There was no further score before the break and the scoreline was a fair reflection of the half.

GEELONG 1

ELTHAM DIAMOND VALLEY 2

Valley took up the initiative straight from the restart. Coyle had a shot well saved by Howe and Johansson hit the bar in quick succession, then a Micky Hodgson shot struck team mate Milenkovic on the back of the head when a goal looked certain.

Valley's second goal came after 19m when a Coyle's free-kick from the left was touched past Howe in the 64th min.

Geelong came back into the game and only a brilliant save by Hamilton prevented Fleming from equalising.

Both sides went at it hammer and tongs and there were near misses at both ends before the final whistle went.

It was a deserved win for Valley who now meet first division side Western Suburbs at Geelong on Saturday. Credit must also go to Geelong for their part in a game which would have done credit to a final.

— G.W.K.

CROYDON CITY'S FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHTER NOW

CROYDON City not only celebrated the end of the season but the end of an era, when its social committee, led by Paul Suppree and Frank Murray hosted, probably the last Presentation Dinner Dance to be held at the Croydon Park Clubrooms prior to the clubs relocation to the Dorest Recreation Complex.

Guests included the Mayor and councillors of the City of Croydon, VSF officials, sponsors and the referees association with their wives, and a large contingent of players, members and supporters packed the clubrooms and contributed to the hugely successful and enjoyable function.

Award winners for the reserves were Craig Cubbitt who took out the best and fairest, with David Morgan runner up.

Dave McKintosh won a back to back award for the best player in the first team with a narrow vote margin over Alan Roodhouse.

An award for the "Most Improved Player" who must be a Croydon Player who has graduated from junior ranks went to Spencer Field.

During the presentation the Mayor of Croydon, Councillor L. Willmott, outlined the Dorset relocation plans and the Council commitments to the building of the facilities at this location.

These facilities will include change rooms for four teams, referees rooms and will cater also for the large Croydon Junior set up.

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NATIONAL INDOOR SOCCER
Sydney Swans still unbeaten

THE Western Sydney Swans maintained their unbeaten record last weekend when they defeated last season's champions the Melbourne Buffaloes 3-1, and the Valley Ford Falcons 7-3.

But one point behind is the White Eagles, led by the goalscoring powers of Radovan 'Siska' Filipovic and Milan Blagojevic, who scored 17 goals between each other in their teams 27 goal over the weekend.

It shapes up to be a promising match this week when the two sides meet at the Fairfield Leisure Centre on Saturday nith.

Inter Monaro are hot on the heels of the Bankstown NIB Tornadoes for the fourth semi-final spot after the Canberra side outplayed the three time National Champions to a 9-7 victory.

There was no surprises in the Buffalo Sports Women's National League, where League leaders Sydney Strikers took charge over a very determined Melbourne Buffaloes outfit.

The Bankstown NIB Tornadoes, led by Kim Lembryk and Cindy Heydon showed their worth over bottom placed Tubemakers Prime Movers to win 8-1.

This week the Minor Premiership might well be decided as the Strikers and the Tornadoes meet at the Fairfield Leisure Centre on Saturday afternoon.

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BOO BOO AWARD The "Boo Boo Award of the year" went to Nick Van Egmond, who , when asked to supply a pair of boots from the old mans sports store at the Bayswater Indoor, brought down two boots which were not only of different sizes but both left footers??!!

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BUFFALOES WOMENS NATIONAL INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE

Sydney Strikers	8	7	0	1	50	25	21
Bankstown NIB Torn	7	6	1	0	69	21	20
Melbourne Buffaloes	8	3	1	4	38	34	11
West Sydney Swans	6	1	0	5	21	40	3
Brisbane Baysiders	4	1	0	3	13	39	3
Tubemakers Prime Movers	7	1	0	6	20	52	3

LEADING SCORERS

32 Kim Lembryk (Tornadoes) 17 Cindy Heydon (Tornadoes) 16 Nicole Komorowski (Strikers) 14 Julie Hebb (Strikers) 11 Carol Church (Buffaloes) 10 Teresa McCann (Tornadoes) 8 Wendy Kinmont (Buffaloes) Julie Dolan (Tornadoes) Zafaria Memperis (T'makers) Janine McPhee (Melb).

WEENEND'S RESULTS

Sydney Strikers 4 Melbourne Buffaloes 3, Bankstown NIB Tornadoes 8, Tubemakers 1.

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

Saturday: Bankstown NIB Tornadoes v Sydney Strikers, F'field 3.30 pm.

Sunday: West Sydney Swans v Brisbane, Fairfield 1 pm.

JAMES HARDIE NATIONAL INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE

1. West Syd. Swans	11	9	2	0	83	32	31
2. White Eagles	12	10	0	2	154	61	30
3. Melb. Buffaloes	13	7	3	3	86	61	27
4. Bankstown NIB T	12	7	1	4	74	56	23
5. Inter Monaro	9	5	0	4	61	78	15
6. Amiga Commodores	11	3	2	7	47	85	13
7. Bris. Baysiders	9	4	0	5	47	79	12
8. Valley F. Falc	13	3	1	9	90	115	11
9. Illaw. Health F	8	2	0	6	49	80	6
10. Sydney Strikers	11	1	1	9	54	100	5

LEADING SCORERS

49 Radovan Filipovic (White Eagles) 46 Milan Blagojevic (White Eagles) 27 Erkin Osman (Swans) 26 John Metaxas (Buffaloes) 22 Fortunato Carvalho (Buffaloes) 19 Abbas Saad (Tornadoes) 17 Anthony Cassar (Falcons) Mirko Radosavljevic (White Eagles) Baz Giampaolo (Inter Monaro) 15 Eric Sostak (Falcons) Frank Valastro (Strikers).

WEEKEND'S RESULTS

Inter Monaro 9 Bankstown NIB Tornadoes 7, West Sydney Swans 3, Melbourne Buffaloes 1, White Eagles 18, Sydney Strikers 4, White Eagles 11 Inter Monar 4, West Sydney Swans 7 Valley Ford Falcons 3, AMIGA Commodores 6 Melbourne Buffalos 10, Bankstown NIB Tornadoes 8 Illawarra Health Fund 4, AMIGA Commodores 5 Valley Ford Falcons 5.

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

Saturday: Bankstown Tornadoes v Sydney Strikers, Fairfield 5 pm.
White Eagles v West Sydney Swans, Fairfield 7.30 pm.
AMIGA Commodores v Brisbane Baysiders, Fairfield 9 pm.
Illawarra v Valley Ford Falcons, Beaton Park, W'gong.
Inter Monaro v Melbourne Buffaloes TBA

Sunday: W. Swans v Brisbane F'field 2.15 pm.
Tornadoes v AMIGA F'field, 3.30 pm.
Illawarra v Melbourne W'gong TBA
Monaro v Falcons Civic TBA.

GOLD MEDAL FROM PAGE 4

in the best European tradition. He'll have to wea r shinguards after January 1st too.

Adrian Pender. Every time I see Pender play, I'm amazed at the amount of time he makes for himself . . . the hallmark of a class player.

Drazen Bozic. Where would St Albans be without Bozic, not in the top four, that's for sure. He is the lynch-pin of the Saints' defence.

Velimir Kupresak. Like Bozic, Kupresak has been indispensible to St Albans this year. His versatility and equanimity have earned him two awards this season already, will he make it three tonight?

Sean Lane. Lane has been voted Player of the Year by Juventus, naturally. Like many a good player before him, he was over-burdened by the $30,000 Juventus paid to Preston for him, but this year has really blossomed out.

Ron Manley. Manley was a late arrival at Morwell from Irish club Glentoran and played only the second half of the season. If he had played from the start he would have been hard to beat.

Reno Minichiello. Minichiello is elegant, stylish, eye-catching, and he's a good player as well. Along with Willie Herd, Sean Lane and Scott Patterson he is part of what is probably the best midfield in the State.

Gary McMullen. McMullen came to Altona Gate with a big reputation from Sandringham and took a while to find his feet, finishing with 14 goals.

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SNIPPETS

by LES SHORROCK

LET'S HEAR IT FOR BILLY ROGERS

But in all fairness, most of your plaudits should be reserved for the players of Brunswick Juventus and in particular, their new coach Billy Rogers.

I've known and admired ex-Socceroo Billy for a long time, ever since his Sunshine City days in fact and I'm very pleased to see him and the Juventus players getting some reward out of what has been a depressing season.

He was handed the job in a very off hand fashion, sort of inheriting it after Manfred Schaefer defected to APIA.

Up till then he had been doing a good job, nursing Juve's younger brigade towards the State League Reserves championship (who won that, by the way, does anybody know?).

The circumstances weren't at all propitious either.

The club's committee, thwarted by the team's failure to win the State title and return to the NSL in one bound had demonstrated their contempt for the game by their unsportsmanlike tactics and Juventus had become the butt of jokes about protesting.

(That won't go away overnight either, Dominic.)

The players were down for a variety of reasons.

For a start, they had lost what little faith they had in their coach after he admitted his mind was elsewhere all the time he was insisting that his mission was to win the State League.

That faith was eroded by the strange team selections that some players felt were more the result of club politics than performance.

Juventus players are a talented lot, on paper they should have skated the State League instead of ifnishing a dishonourable second.

They tackle a South Melbourne this Sunday that has had a dream run so far in the Cup.

It has beaten two lower class opponents handily without hardly breaking sweat and has enjoyed the luxury of playing on its own pitch to boot.

But it could be different this week.

For Billy's and their own sakes, I sincerely hope that the Juve lads roll up their sleeves and get stuck in.

An all-State League final would round the season off nicely, wouldn't it.

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JOE'S BACK IN THE SADDLE

Snippets spent an interesting evening last Thursday at the Victorian League Annual General Meeting.

Interesting? Of course it was, it's always interesting watching ambitious peopl ejockeying for power and sorting the facts from the bulldust.

There were three candidates for the post of Victorian League Chairman and they all had to make policy speeches.

Incumbent Joe Docherty who, like Billy Rogers, inherited the job in somewhat less than auspicious circumstances about four months ago won the election and will be chairman for the next two years.

In all honesty, he didn't have much to beat.

One of his opponents in a very smart suit adopted the 'bullshit baffles brains' technique which went over like a lead balloon.

The other mumbled something about being interested mainly in the juniors and that really grabbed his audience . . . I don't think.

From a strict debating viewpoint, Joe Dockerty's speech wasn't the best, but the sincerity shone out like a beacon and very sensibly the delegates recognised it.

To be honest, considering all that has happened over the last 18 months or so, I rather expected some fireworks, but in truth I dozed off for some of the time.

Two happenings surprised me.

Nine clubs failed to show up, which was a nice little windfall of $450 for the VSF kitty, but shameful considering the present political situation. Three of the absentees are members of the First Division and that's bad.

The other happening was the inability of the Fourth Division to nominate a second member to the Committee (which comprises two from each division).

In the end one was co-opted, or should that be cajoled, from the floor.

I'm always at a loss to understand the apathy of clubs who are only too ready to pound your ear at matches about the shortcomings of the VSF but are never prepared to stand up at meetings and air their grievances.

Don't they appreciate that they themselves are the VSF. Maybe they don't say anything because they expect the Gang of Three will do their whingeing for them.

The Gang of Three were there all right, but they didn't make any impact, apart from making themselves look silly over a disgraceful, distasteful remark about the scrutineers.

Before the election for Chairman, Executive Director George Wallace announced that the two scrutineers would be Mrs Ann McPhee and Eric Heath.

One of the Gang immediately protested.

"We want two independent persons, not two Board members", he cried.

In the hush that followed, George Wallace stood up and in his best sergeant-major manner icily informed the idiot objector that the two persons concerned are not Board Members.

And indeed they are not.

Ann McPhee is a Vice-President and Eric Heath is patron.

And nobody in his right mind would never accuse either of being a cheat.

It was a very illuminating moment which served to illustrate once again what little the Gang of Three know about the things that matter.

Yet these are the people who nurture ambitions of taking over.

God help us and Victorian Soccer if they ever do.

I was a little surprised that VSF President John Dimtsis, who was in the chair at the time, didn't demand a public apology from the interjector.

All three of them have been elected to the VLMC so Joe will need to watch his back, but he can look after himself and he was Eltham D/V's Neilson Love as his Vice Chairman, which is good.

Love isn't backward at coming forward and will speak up when the time is right.

He will sit on the new Board of Management with Joe Docherty. The new VLMC consists of, besides Docherty and Love, Messrs Peter Karak, Ted Sewards, Bart Harold, Bob Amadic, Eric Richardson, Don Trimboli and Jim Sampson, with Mrs Fran Zemunik acting as Minutes Secretary.

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Britain, England — Division one: Arsenal 4 Manchester City 0, Charlton 1 Tottenham 3, Coventry 0 Nottingham Forest 2, Derby 3 Crystal Palace 1, Everton 2 Millwall 1, Luton 0 Aston Villa 1, Manchester United 0 Sheffield Wednesday 0, Norwich 2 Chelsea 0, Queen's Park Rangers 1 Southampton 4, Wimbledon 1 Liverpool 2.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	9	6	3	0	21	4	18
Arsenal	8	5	2	1	15	5	17
Norwich	9	4	5	0	14	7	17
Everton	9	5	1	3	14	12	16
Chelsea	9	4	3	2	13	9	15
Southampton	9	4	3	2	17	15	15
Millwall	9	4	2	3	15	14	14
Coventry	9	4	1	4	7	10	13
Notts Forest	9	3	3	3	11	9	12
Aston Villa	9	3	3	3	9	9	12
Derby	9	3	2	4	8	9	11
Tottenham	8	3	2	3	13	15	11
Crystal Palace	9	3	2	4	8	18	11
Man City	9	3	1	5	13	16	10
QPR	9	2	3	4	9	11	9
Luton	9	2	3	4	6	8	9
Man United	8	3	2	4	13	15	8
Wimbledon	9	1	5	3	8	11	8
Charlton	9	1	3	5	7	11	6
Sheffield W	9	1	3	5	2	10	6

Division two: Barnsley 0 Port Vale 3, Bournemouth 2 Oldham 0, Brighton 1 Watford 0, Leeds 2 Sunderland 0, Leicester 0 Oxford 0, Middlesbrough 0 Plymouth 2, Newcastle 1 Bradford 0, Portsmouth 1 Blackburn 1, Sheffield United 0 West Ham 2, Stoke 1 Hull 1, Swindon 3 Ipswich 0, West Bromwich v Wolverhampton (to be played).

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield U	11	6	4	1	20	12	22
Leeds	11	6	4	1	17	10	22
Newcastle	11	6	2	3	19	13	20
Plymouth	11	6	1	4	18	12	19
Sunderland	11	5	4	2	19	14	19
Blackburn	10	4	6	0	18	9	18
Brighton	11	6	0	5	18	14	18
West Ham	11	5	3	3	14	12	18
Bournemouth	11	5	2	4	20	19	17
Oldham	11	5	2	4	15	14	17
Swindon	11	4	4	3	16	15	16
West Bromwich	10	4	3	3	17	16	15
Port Vale	11	3	5	3	11	10	14
Watford	11	4	2	5	9	13	14
Oxford	11	3	4	4	15	17	13
Ipswich	11	3	4	4	16	19	13
Wolverhampton	10	3	3	4	18	17	12
Barnsley	11	3	3	5	11	15	12
Bradford	11	2	5	4	11	13	11
Middlesbrough	10	3	2	5	14	17	11
Stoke	11	0	8	3	10	15	8
Portsmouth	11	1	4	6	8	13	11
Middlesbrough	10	3	2	5	14	17	11
Stoke	11	0	8	3	10	15	8
Portsmouth	11	1	4	6	8	18	7
Hull	11	0	6	5	13	19	6
Leicester	11	1	3	7	9	18	6

Division three: Birmingham 4 Northampton 0, Bristol City 1 Swansea 3, Bury 0 Bristol Rovers 0, Crewe 2 Bolton 2, Fulham 1 Rotherham 1, Leyton Orient 2 Blackpool 0, Mansfield 0 Walsall 2, Notts County 1 Tranmere 0, Preston 4 Brentford 2, Reading 0 Huddersfield 0, Wigan 0 Shrewsbury 0, Cardiff 1 Chester 1.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tranmere	10	7	0	3	24	7	21
Bristol Rovers	10	6	3	1	11	3	21
Bury	10	5	4	1	17	10	19
Rotherham	10	5	3	2	21	10	18
Birmingham	10	6	0	4	17	13	18
Bristol City	10	5	2	3	12	13	17
Bolton	10	4	4	2	13	10	16
Notts County	10	4	4	2	13	10	16
Fulham	10	4	4	2	10	7	16
Huddersfield	10	4	4	2	13	13	16
Shrewsbury	10	4	3	3	15	11	15
Walsall	10	4	3	3	12	12	15
Reading	10	2	7	1	12	7	13
Preston	10	4	1	5	20	20	13
Leyton Orient	10	4	0	6	12	15	12
Blackpool	10	3	2	5	9	12	11
Northampton	10	3	2	5	10	14	11
Swansea	9	3	2	4	10	16	11
Mansfield	9	3	1	5	5	11	10
Crewe	10	2	3	5	15	19	9
Brentford	10	2	2	6	11	16	8
Chester	10	1	4	5	10	22	7
Cardiff	10	1	3	6	9	22	6
Wigan	10	0	5	5	7	18	5

Division four: Burnley 0 Hartlepool 0, Doncaster 1 Carlisle 1, Exeter 2 Chesterfield 1, Gillingham 0 Stockport 3, Hereford 0 Southend 3, Lincoln 2 Halifax 1, Rochdale 1 Peterborough 2, Scarborough 3 Grimsby 1, Scunthorpe 1 Maidstone 0, Wrexham 2 Aldershot 2, Cambridge 5 Torquay 2, Colchester 0 York 2.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Southend	10	8	1	1	21	8	25
Lincoln	10	7	2	1	12	4	23
Stockport	10	6	3	1	20	8	21
Carlisle	10	5	5	0	16	9	20
Exeter	10	6	1	3	20	15	19
Burnley	10	5	4	1	10	5	19
York	10	5	3	2	12	8	18
Peterborough	10	4	4	2	15	11	16
Hereford	10	4	3	3	14	13	15
Aldershot	10	5	3	2	12	8	18
Peterborough	10	4	4	2	15	11	16
Hereford	10	4	3	3	14	13	15
Aldershot	10	4	3	3	14	14	15
Chesterfield	10	4	2	4	13	12	14
Scunthorpe	10	4	1	5	16	15	13
Gillingham	10	3	4	3	9	11	13
Halifax	10	3	2	5	10	14	11
Grimsby	10	3	2	5	14	14	11
Scarborough	10	3	2	5	13	16	11
Rochdale	10	3	2	5	9	13	11
Cambridge	10	2	3	5	14	16	9
Wrexham	10	2	3	5	11	13	9
Doncaster	10	2	2	6	10	12	8
Colchester	10	1	5	4	11	16	8
Maidstone	10	2	1	7	11	18	7
Torquay	10	2	1	7	7	19	7
Hartlepool	10	1	3	6	6	28	6

Scotland — Premier division: Aberdeen 1 Hearts 3, Dundee 1 Celtic 3, Dunfermline 5 St Mirren 1, Hibernian 3 Motherwell 2, Rangers 2 Dundee United 1.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	9	4	4	1	15	9	12
Hibernian	9	4	2	3	13	10	10
Motherwell	9	3	4	2	13	10	10
Hearts	9	4	2	3	14	12	10
Aberdeen	9	4	2	3	9	8	10
Dunfermline	9	3	3	3	15	12	9
Rangers	9	3	3	3	9	9	9
Dundee United	8	2	4	3	12	13	8
St Mirren	9	3	1	5	9	17	7
Dundee	9	1	3	5	12	19	5

Division one: Airdrieonians 3 Meadowbank 1, Clyde 0 St Johnstone 2, Falkirk 2 Clydebank 1, Forfar 3 Alloa 3, Hamilton 0 Albion 0, Morton 2 Partick 2, Raith 2 Ayr 0.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Johnstone	11	9	2	0	23	7	20
Partick	11	7	4	0	24	9	18
Airdrieonians	11	7	2	2	19	9	16
Raith	11	6	1	4	14	15	13
Alloa	11	4	3	4	21	16	11
Hamilton	11	3	4	3	13	16	11
Falkirk	11	3	3	4	16	14	10
Clydebank	11	3	3	5	19	20	9
Morton	11	2	5	4	13	17	9
Forfar	11	1	6	4	14	20	8
Ayr	11	2	4	5	12	18	8
Meadowbank	11	2	4	5	12	18	8
Clyde	11	2	4	5	11	17	8
Albion	11	2	1	8	11	26	5

Division two: Berwick 0 Stenhousemuir 2, Brechin 2 East Stirling 1, Dumbarton 2 Queen's Park 1, Kilmarnock 1 East Fife 0, Queen of South 2 Cowdenbeath 4, Stirling 2 Montrose 0, Stranraer 2 Arbroath 1.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kilmarnock	10	6	2	2	17	4	14
Brechin	10	5	2	3	17	12	12
Arbroath	10	3	6	1	18	16	12
Stranraer	10	4	4	2	17	15	12
Dumbarton	10	5	2	3	22	21	12
Stenhemuir	10	6	0	4	15	14	12
East Fife	10	3	5	2	15	14	11
Queens Park	10	4	3	3	15	15	11
Stirling	10	4	2	4	17	13	10
Berwick	10	3	2	5	15	17	8
Montrose	10	2	3	5	9	12	7
Cowdenbeath	10	2	3	5	11	15	7
Queen of South	10	1	5	4	16	24	7
East Stirling	10	1	3	6	11	19	5

Austria — First Division: Wiener Sportclub 1 Admira Wacker 3, VSE St Poelten 1 FCS Tirol 2, Sturm Graz 1 Vienna 1, Vorwaerts Steyr 1 Austria Wien 5, Austria Salzburg 3 SC Krems 0, Rapid Vienna 1 GAK 0.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria Wien	16	12	1	3	40	16	25
FCS Tirol	16	9	7	0	36	17	25
Rapid Vienna	16	8	5	3	30	19	21
Admira Wacker	16	9	3	4	38	28	21
Sturm Graz	16	4	9	3	18	10	17
Vienna	16	5	6	5	27	27	16
Salzburg	16	3	9	4	19	20	15
Vorwaerts	16	3	7	6	20	31	13
SC Krems	16	5	2	9	20	29	12
St Poelten	16	4	4	8	16	28	12
GAK	16	3	3	10	11	26	9
Sportclub	16	2	2	12	11	35	6

Belgium — First Division: Mechelen 5 Racing Mechelen 1, Ghent 1 Antwerp 2, Club Bruges 2 FC Liege 0, Lierse 4 Beveren 0, Beerschot 0 Cercle Bruges 0, Standard Liege 0 Anderlecht 2, Charleroi 0 St Truiden 1, Ekeren v Waregem, Kortrijk v Lokeren (to be played).

East Germany — First Division: Stahl Eisenhuettenstadt 0 Karl-Marx-Stadt 0, Lokomotive Leipzig 1 Chemie Halle 0, Fortschritt Bischofswerda 1 Energie Cottbus 4, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 0 Stahl Brandenburg 0, Hansa Rostock 0 Dynamo Dresden 0, Dynamo Berlin 2 Carl Zeiss Jena 0, Wismut Aue 0 Magdeburg 0.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Magdeburg	7	5	1	1	13	5	11
Dynamo Dresden	7	4	1	0	11	3	11
Dynamo Berlin	7	1	4	0	11	7	10
Lokomotive	7	4	1	2	9	6	9
Energie Cottbus	7	3	3	1	9	7	9
Hansa Rostock	7	2	3	2	9	7	7
Eisenhuett	7	1	5	1	9	7	7
Karl-Marx-Stadt	7	1	5	1	7	6	7
Brandenburg	7	1	4	2	8	9	6
Rot-Weiss	7	1	4	2	8	9	6
Carl Zeiss	7	2	1	4	5	10	5
Chemie Halle	7	1	2	4	5	10	5
Wismut Aue	7	1	2	4	5	9	4
Fortschritt	7	1	1	5	4	16	3

France — First Division: Marseille 1 Cannes 1, Nantes 1 Brest 0, Auxerre 1 Bordeaux 1, Toulouse 2 Caen 1, Mulhouse 1 Paris St Germain 0, Nice 1 St Etienne 3, Metz 2 Sochaux 0, Montpellier 3 Toulon 0, Racing Paris 2 Lille 0, Lyon 0 Monaco 2.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bordeaux	14	9	3	2	19	6	21
Marseille	13	8	3	2	26	10	19
Toulouse	14	7	4	3	20	12	18
Sochaux	14	8	2	4	20	14	18
St Germain	14	6	4	4	18	16	16
Nantes	14	5	5	4	17	15	15
Monaco	13	4	7	2	11	7	15
Mulhouse	14	5	3	6	15	14	13
Montpellier	14	5	1	7	18	19	13
Metz	14	3	7	4	13	14	13
St Etienne	14	4	5	5	16	17	13
Racing Paris	14	4	5	5	19	23	13
Lyon	14	6	1	7	18	22	13
Toulon	14	4	5	5	10	17	13
Auxerre	14	4	4	6	16	16	12
Caen	14	4	4	7	14	18	12
Cannes	14	4	3	7	15	20	11
Nice	14	3	7	5	18	24	11
Lille	14	4	3	7	12	18	11
Brest	14	4	0	10	7	19	8

Portugal — First Division: Benfica 7 Penafiel 0, Braga 2 Beira Mar 0.

Soviet Union — First Division: Dynamo Kiev 4 Ararat Yerevan 1, Zhalgiris Vilnius 3 Shakhtyor Donetsk 0, Chernomorets Odessa 2 Metallist Kharkov 0, Dynamo Minsk 0 Spartak Moscow 1, Torpedo Moscow 0 Dynamo Moscow 0.

Spain — First Division: Sevilla 1 Cadiz 1, Athletic Bilbao 1 Valencia 1, Real Zaragoza 2 Sporting Gijon 1, Real Madrid 4 Malaga 0, Barcelona 7 Rayo Vallecano 1.

West Germany — First Division: Bayer Leverkusen 1 Kaiserslautern 1, St Pauli 1 Bayer Uerdingen 1, Karlsruhe 0 Cologne 0, Nuremberg 1 Eintracht Frankfurt 1, Duesseldorf 1 Bayern Munich 2, Homburg 2 Waldhof Mannheim 1, Werder Bremen 6 VfB Stuttgart 1, Borussia Moenchengladbach 1 Hamburg 3, Dortmund 0 Bochum 1.

World Cup. Asia group qualifying tournament in Singapore — Second round: South Korea 0 Qatar 0.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
China	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
North Korea	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
UA Emirates	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Qatar	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
South Korea	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Saudi Arabia	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

Note: First two qualify for next year's final.

Friendly international in Bologna, Italy: Brazil 1 Italy 0.

Finnish Cup in Helsinki — Final: Kuplon Palloseura 3 Valkeakosken Haka 2.

Knighton steps out of United battle

MICHAEL Knighton turned down a personal fortune to keep alive his dream of one day becoming the chairman of Manchester United.

The circumstances of Knighton's last-minute decision to pull out of his agreement with Martin Edwards, chairman at Old Trafford, to buy his majority shareholding in the club, can now be made clear.

Last Tuesday, just 24 hours before Knighton's option on Edwards' shares expired, the head of a consortium of three wealthy businessmen negotiated at length with Knighton by telephone.

The consortium's members — a retailer, a property developer and a financier — were ready to fund personally Knighton's £10 million ($20.3m) option on Edwards' controlling stake in United, and put up another £10m to buy out the other United shareholders.

The consortium's leader had been approached by Knighton only two days before. Although last Monday was Yom Kippur, a Jewish holiday, the businessman and his two friends, all of them Jewish, raised £20m ($40.6m) in less than 48 hours.

The consortium believed Manchester United had been substantially undervalued, by Edwards and by Knighton, who commissioned an independent report that valued the club at around £33m ($67m). The consortium planned to float United on the stock market, and expected its true stock-market worth to exceed £40m ($81m).

Under the terms of the deal, Knighton would have received a 20 per cent share in any profits. He could have expected to make at least £4m ($8.1m). But the consortium's key condition was that Knighton would have to leave United's board. It intended to ask Bobby Charlton to take over as United's chairman.

Negotiations between Knighton and the London consortium went on until 1.20am on Wednesday.

Knighton's advisers required proof that the money was in place; and both sides had to be sure they were complying with Stock Exchange rules. While these problems were feverishly dealt with, Knighton was talking to at least three other groups which claimed they were prepared to back him in return for a piece of the action.

But at the 11th hour, just when the consortium believed that it had a deal with Knighton, he backed out. Apparently, he found the prospect of not being on the board unacceptable, even with an enormous pay-off. Instead, he accepted United's offer of 1000 shares and a non-executive directorship.

Knighton told The Sunday Times: "My decision to withdraw was taken in the best interests of Manchester United. I put the club above all other considerations. I withdrew in the full knowledge that the City's Takeover Panel would censure me. I can take that on the chin. I just hope the club's supporters are prepared to give me another chance to prove myself."

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fourteen points last year, declined promotion, and won again this year. In the process, however, its margin was cut to five points and it is obvious that the competition in this division is getting a lot tougher.

Tottenham was the Three West Champion in 1988, took the promotion, fielded a Reserves side as required and took our both Championships. We would not offer very lon godds against Tottenham doing the same in Division 1 next year.

The biggest rise for the best result came from Flemington Floridia, which won the Fourth Division Championship last year and leapfrogged to the highly competitive Division 2 Afternoon, where its Firsts again triumphed.

Its newly formed Reserves side, however, did not fare so well and finished in eighth place.

Another team to take a bad reverse was Springvale Eagles Reserves, which came from the 1988 Two Morning Championship to finish sixth in this year's One Afternoon competition. Its Firsts did even worse, dropping from sixth last year to stone motherless last this year.

The only side to take the wooden spoon in successive seasons was Sunbury. Last in Three West in 1988 with a tally of six points, it was last again in 1989 with only five.

DIVISION 4

Eltham/B.Y	18	12	2	2	58	17	26
Epping Th	16	11	3	2	43	22	25
Sunsh. W'dm	18	12	0	4	54	17	24
Endeavour U	16	9	2	5	35	27	20
Alex The G	16	9	1	6	40	31	19
Sunshine U	16	5	1	10	31	40	11
Salesian OB	16	3	1	12	18	28	7
Footscray Taxis	16	3	1	12	19	62	7
Dingley Ue	16	2	1	13	24	80	5

NOTE: Only two matches remain outstanding. They are Whittlesea vs St Albans Wanderers and Keilor Old Boys vs Altona Heights. The results of these matches will determine composition of the Division 3 West top four.

Both will be scheduled for Sunday, October 29th.

A number of clubs faced with the prospect of weeks without a game and with nowhere to train found the going too hard.

As a result, several of the competitions were spoiled for the survivors.

SB Spurs, Salesian Old Boys and Northern Timorese fell by the wayside, as did Youth United and Ford Falcons, but for different reasons.

Even some of the established clubs, and those the better performed ones, struggled to field full strength combinations.

Those which survive will be all the stronger for the experience, and should approach a hopefully much drier 1990 season with a great deal more confidence. What the 1989 winter has proven is that a number of playing-fields were nowhere near as good as everyone thought. They quickly became quagmires. It is pleasing to note that, in a number of cases, action is already under way to overcome the more obvious deficiencies.

All attention now is directed forward. Three major events remain in 1989. The League's Presentation Dinner Dance on Saturday next (October 21st) is assured of being an outstanding success. The Top Four Competition on November 5th and 12th will provide a feast of highly entertaining and fiercely competitive football. Concurrently, the League's participation as Australia in the "Ansett World Cup" at the Waverley City Complex will be eagerly watched.

Then we look forward to 1990 and a still larger and more competitive competition. Already, with the number of new clubs which have applied for membership, it is certain that a third division will be created in the afternoon league, and it is almost certain that the morning league will also be increased in size.

But back to this year. *Who will be the winner of the coveted Player of the Year Award? Will it be* Altona Ilinden's Mitre Tasevski, Melbourne Rumania's Doru Dodenciu or Coomoora Spiders' Gerard De Baize? Or will a dark horse emerge from the field? Which club will take out the League's prestigious Sportsmanship award? This award is for the club incurring the least number of disciplinary "penalty points" for the season.

Can Swinburne make it for the fourth time? Can the cheerful Dingley United, the relentless Dallas United or the bouncy Bowater succeed where many have failed?

Who was the leading goalscorer in Division 1 Morning or 1 Afternoon, in Division 2 Mixed or 2 Afternoon, in 3 East or 3 West? Or Division 4? All will be revealed at International Receptions on Saturday night.

What is the connection between the League and Melbourne's 1996 Olympic campaign? Who will be declared Referee of the Year, or Club Linesman of the Year? These questions, too, will be answered on that night?

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